

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption as amended, pursuant to and consistent with the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.


By the present amendment, claim 2 has been amended, so that claims 1-27 will remain pending. Claim 2 has been amended to reinsert text which was inadvertently removed by the previous amendment. Support for the amendments to claim 2 can be found at least in claim 2 as originally filed and at page 3, lines 14-19 of the application.

In response to the requirement for election of invention, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-21, 26, and 27, drawn to a composition including an organic polymer. In addition to electing the invention of Group I, applicants further elect phosphonic acid as the acid, polyethylene glycol as the polymer, and the method of claim 27 directed to the desensitization of teeth, for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-8, 11-21 and 27 are generic to the elected species and read thereon.

The restriction requirement between the inventions of Groups I and II is improper because the respective fields of search are closely related. Therefore, there would be no undue burden imposed by the examination of the claims of Group I together with the claims of Group II. Examination of all the claims of record is next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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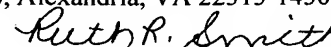
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